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Happy New Year! I'm Masao Omori, Mayor of Okayama.

I hope you have welcomed a new year full of hope.

It was a very difficult year for us last year. Okayama City had a great damage due to the western Japan torrential rain downpour in July. We keep working support for the speedy reconstruction of citizens' daily lives and business and disaster prevention to protect them from potential disasters. We aim to convert "Okayama City with less natural disasters" into "Okayama City resilient to natural disasters" in order to be a truly safe city to live.

Whereas the news of the disaster attracted people's attention, there were fruitful achievements in Okayama last year such as the agreement of LRT plan of JR Momotaro Line, the designation of the Japan Heritage and being selected as a SDGs Future Town and a venue for G20 Health Minister's meeting.

This is a year of Boar and the 10<sup>th</sup> year as an ordinance-designated city.

I would like to recklessly run for goals like a wild boar as it is this year's sign based on the Chinese zodiac but I can't be too reckless so I will do my best while looking carefully around me. Your continuous support and cooperation are appreciated.

Lastly, I would like to close my New Year remarks by wishing everyone's good health and happiness.